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1. SUMMARY: THE LEFT- WING LEADER OF THE ENGINEERING
WORKERS UNION (AUEW), HUGH SCANLON, A HARD- LINER
AGAINST BRITAIN' S ENTRY INTO THE EEC, HAS INDICATED
THAT THE TUC AND THE LABOR PARTY MAY BE IN PROCESS
OF CHANGING THEIR CURRENT STANCE AGAINST PARTICIPATION
IN COMMON MARKET INSTITUTIONS. HE PREDICTED SUCH AN
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ABOUT- TURN WOULD TAKE PLACE AT THE TUC AND LABOR
CONFERENCES NEXT FALL. END SUMMARY.

2. SCANLON TOLD PARLIAMENTARY REPORTERS MARCH 28 THAT
HE FORESAW A " DIFFERENT APPROACH" TO THE EEC IN NEXT
ANNUAL CONFERENCES OF THE TUC AND THE LABOR PARTY.
UNTIL THAT TIME, HOWEVER, HE DOES " NOT SEE THAT THE
TRADE UNIONS OR THE POLITICAL ARM OF OUR MOVEMENT
CAN DO ANYTHING BUT CARRY OUT THE POLICY DETER-
MINED IN THE PREVIOUS CONFERENCE... I ACCEPT THAT WE
ARE IN, AND I ACCEPT THAT THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT HAS
TO DEAL WITH THINGS AS THEY ARE AND NOT NECESSARILY
AS WE WOULD LIKE THEM TO BE. I THINK THERE IS A CHANGE
COMING INTO THE TRADE MOVEMENT."

3. IN NOTING THAT THE TUC IS NOW A MEMBER OF THE NEW
EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENT (ETCU), SCANLON " FELT SURE
THAT IN GOING INTO THAT MOVEMENT THE TUC SINCERELY
HOPES IT WILL BE EUROPEAN, BUT NOT WESTERN EUROPEAN.
IT WILL BE ALL PEOPLE IN EUROPE AND IT WILL RECOGNIZE
THINGS AS THEY ARE."

4. SCANLON EMPHASIZED THAT IF HE WERE TO ARGUE AGAINST
EEC MEMBERSHIP IT WOULD NOT BE ON COMMERCIAL OR
INDUSTRIAL BUT ON MILITARY OR POLITICAL GROUNDS. HE
SAID HE WAS NOT CONVINCED THAT GOING IN OR STAYING OUT
OF EUROPE WOULD BRING ABOUT THE CHANGE IN SOCIETY HE
WANTED TO SEE..." IT WOULD STILL BE CAPITALISM IN
EUROPE AS IN BRITAIN."

5. THE AUEW LEADER SAID EUROPEAN WORKERS' PROBLEMS
COULD NOT BE DEALT WITH ON THE BASIS OF EXCLUDING
THOSE TRADE UNION IN FRANCE AND ITALY AFFILIATED NOT
TO THE UCFTU BUT TO THE WFTU -- THAT IS THE NON -
COMMUNIST AND THE COMMUNIST TRADE UNION ORGANIZATIONS.
HE CONTINUED, " I HOPE WE SHALL BE GOING INTO EUROPE
AND I HOPE WE SHALL BE HAVING ALL THESE PEOPLE IN
EUROPE, REPRESENTING THE WORKERS, WHATEVER THEIR
OUTLOOK MAY BE. IT IS A DIFFICULT POSITION BECAUSE
I HAVE BEEN ONE WHO HAS BEEN ARGUING FOR THE IMPLEMENTA-
TION OF POLICY DECIDED BY DEMOCRATIC MEANS, WHETHER IT
BE THE TRADE UNION MOVEMENT OR THE LABOR PARTY; AND
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BOTH ARE IMPLACABLY OPPOSED NOT ONLY TO THE COMMON

MARKET BUT TO THE INSTITUTIONS SET UP IN THE COMMON MARKET." HOWEVER, THE FACT THAT THE CONSERVATIVE GOVERNMENT HAS TAKEN BRITAIN INTO THE EEC, HE SAID, " WOULD HAVE A TREMENDOUS EFFECT" ON THE NEXT TUC CONGRESS AND THE ANNUAL LABOR PARTY MEETING. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES, THEY COULD NOT VACILLATE FURTHER AROUND THE ISSUE OF WHETHER THEY SHOULD GO IN, SCANLON ADDED. HE THOUGHT THERE WOULD BE A DIFFERENT APPROACH TO THE QUESTION OF EUROPEANISM.

6. COMMENT: SCANLON' S INTERESTING REMARKS, TO THE EXTENT THEY REPRESENT THE VIEWS OF THE LEFT- WING MILITANTS IN T E UNION MOVEMENT AND LABOR PARTY, THE BULWARK OF EEC OPPOSITION, WOULD SEEM TO PAVE THE WAY FOR MORE REALISTIC APPROACHES TO THE FACT OF BRITAIN' S ENTRY INTO EUROPE. WE FEEL T AT SCANLON' S CHANGED STANCE IS A LOGICAL, IF UNEXPECTED, DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF THE FORMATION OF THE NEW EUROPEAN TRADE UNIONS ORGANIZATION WHOSE CONSTITUTION LEAVES THE WAY OPEN FOR EVENTUAL MEMBERSHIP BY THE COMMUNIST- DOMINATED CGT OF FRANCE AND CGIL OF ITALY AND POSSIBLY THE SO- CALLED UNIONS OF EASTERN EUROPE, WHICH IN SCANLON' S VIEW WOULD MAKE THE SETUP " TRULY EUROPEAN." TO DRIVE THIS WEDGE FURTHER IN, GIVEN SCANLON
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